

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**  
**LAKE CHARLES DIVISION**

**BRYANT K. BLOCK, SR.** : **DOCKET NO. 05-1428**

**VS.** : **JUDGE MINALDI**

**JO ANNE B. BARNHART,** : **MAGISTRATE JUDGE WILSON**  
**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL**  
**SECURITY**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Presently before the court is Plaintiff's Application for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (EAJA) [doc. # 27]. This matter has been referred to the undersigned magistrate judge for a report and recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

By judgment dated February 7, 2007, this matter was reversed and remanded pursuant to the fourth sentence of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Thus, Plaintiff qualifies as a prevailing party. Plaintiff's attorney seeks fees of \$ 4,062.50 (32.5 hours at \$125/hour). The government has indicated that it has no objection to the fees sought. (Telephone conference, February 22, 2007).

Considering the government's agreement as to the amount of the fees, and after review of the record, the undersigned concludes that the number of hours claimed is reasonable.


Accordingly, it is RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff's application for attorney's fees be granted and that attorney's fees be fixed at \$ 4,062.50 (32.5 hours at \$125/hour).

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(C), the parties have ten (10) business days from receipt of this Report and Recommendation to file any objections with the Clerk of Court.

Timely objections will be considered by the district judge prior to a final ruling.

**FAILURE TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ITS SERVICE SHALL BAR AN AGGRIEVED PARTY FROM ATTACKING ON APPEAL, EXCEPT UPON GROUNDS OF PLAIN ERROR, THE UNOBJECTED-TO PROPOSED FACTUAL FINDINGS AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT.**

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on February 22, 2007.

  
ALONZO P. WILSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE